Number of the poor below poverty Line

3662. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the projections of the Union Government the number of the poor below the poverty line was expected to fall from 273 million in 1984-85 to 211 million in 1989-90; and

(b) if so, the number of the poor below the poverty line in 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The latest estimate is available for the year 1987-88 based on the 43rd Round of National Sample Survey data on Household Consumer Expenditure. The number of persons living below poverty line is estimated at 237.67 million in the year.

Rectified spirit to Kerala

3663. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the State of Kerala for allotment of rectified spirit; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the alcohol year 1990-91, allocations of 58.00 lakh litres of potable alcohol and 6.75 lakh litres of industrial alcohol had been made upto 31-7-1991. The State Government have now requested for diversion of 30.00 lakh litres from Maharashtra and U.P. to Tamil Nadu. Orders for diversion of 10.00 lakh litres from U.P. to Tamil Nadu have been issued. Further diversion is under consideration.

Institute of Rural Development in Madhya Pradesh

3664. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish the Institute of Rural Development in Jabalpur of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of Jellingham Unit of M/s. Burn Standard Co. Ltd.

3665. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Government propose to take for the expansion of the activities of the Jellingham (Haldia) unit of M/s. Burn Standard Co. Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Government have approved a proposal of M/s. Burn Standard Company Ltd. for expansion of its capacity to 10,500 tonnes per annum to manufacture three complete oil well-head platforms at a total cost of Rs. 45.06 crores.